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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **NATIONAL PHASE** Application of )  
 Damien ROSNEY et al ) Attn: US/DO/EO  
 International Application No. PCT/IE00/00034 )  
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 For: A SURGICAL ACCESS DEVICE ) Date: September 18, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please note, the amended claims are presented below in their amended form. Further, as an Attachment to the Amendment the amendments to the claims are outlined using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

a1 3. (AMENDED) A surgical device as claimed in claim 1, in which the sealing means is provided by a toroid cell (8) to engage the incision between the fixing means (6) and the body cavity engagement means (5).

a2 10. (AMENDED) A surgical device as claimed in Claim 6 or 7, in which the external valve created by the inclusion of the foam shell is enhanced by the pressure of the induced gas passing up between the double walled tube and acting to force the opposing faces of film together outside the patients abdominal cavity.